

**Maharishi Vedic City, Iowa**



**CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF  
MAHARISHI VEDIC CITY, IOWA**

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# **CHAPTER 1**

## **CODE OF ORDINANCES**

- 1.01 Title
- 1.02 Definitions

**1.01 TITLE.** This code of ordinances shall be know and may be cited as the Code of Ordinances of the City of Maharishi Vedic City, Iowa, 2013.

**1.02 DEFINITIONS.**

1. “City” means the City of Maharishi Vedic City, Iowa.

## CHAPTER 2

### CHARTER

- 2.01 Constitution of the Universe
- 2.02 Sanskrit
- 2.03 Raam Mudra

**2.01 CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSE.** The Constitution of the Universe—Total Natural Law—is the Constitution of Maharishi Vedic City.

**2.02 SANSKRIT.** Sanskrit is the ideal language of Maharishi Vedic City.

**2.03 RAAM MUDRA.** The City promotes its economic development by supporting circulation of the Raam Mudra of the Global Country of World Peace and thereby serving the citizens, organizations, and businesses who wish to use the Raam Mudra.

## CHAPTER 3

### OPERATING PROCEDURES

- 3.01 Nomination by Petition
- 3.02 Posting

**3.01 NOMINATION BY PETITION.** Maharishi Vedic City will use the method of election by Petition (Iowa Code Chapter 45) as its chosen method of nomination for City Elections.

**3.02 POSTING.** The following three public places in the City are permanently designated by this ordinance for posting notices, ordinances and amendments since no newspaper is published in the City, and other actions under Section 362.3 and other applicable sections of the Iowa Code:

1. Office of City Clerk—1750 Maharishi Center Ave.
2. Hall—2100 Mansion Drive
3. The Rukmapura Park Hotel—1702 Rukmapura Park, mailbox area, west side

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **CENTRAL BANK ADVISORY COUNCIL**

#### **4.01**    Establishing Central Bank

**4.01    ESTABLISHING CENTRAL BANK.** The City establishes a Central Bank as an economic policy making aspect of administration, which shall be an advisory council to the City on financial policy and treasury management.



## CHAPTER 5

### MAHARISHI VEDIC UNIVERSITY

- 5.01 Establishing Maharishi Vedic University
- 5.02 Establish and Authorize Maharishi Vedic University as a Separate Non-Profit Corporation

#### **5.01 ESTABLISHING MAHARISHI VEDIC UNIVERSITY.**

Section 1. The city council of Maharishi Vedic City hereby determines that it will follow the procedures set out in Chapter 392 of the Code of Iowa in order to create and establish Maharishi Vedic University as a home rule city administrative agency.

Section 2. Maharishi Vedic University is established as an administrative agency of Maharishi Vedic City, Iowa, USA (the “City”) to carry out general corporate purposes of the City as generally described in Section 384.24(4) (i) of the Code of Iowa. This agency is created for the necessary purposes of enhancing the health and welfare of citizens. The goal of the university is to create mistake-free, healthy individuals and problem-free city life.

Section 3. Notwithstanding that this activity appears to be exempt from the provisions of Section 23A.2 of the Code of Iowa under Subsection 10(b) thereof, because it carries out general corporate purposes of the City as defined in Section 384.24(4) of the Code of Iowa, pursuant to the provisions of Section 23A.2 of the Code of Iowa, Maharishi Vedic University is hereby authorized but not limited to do the following:

- a. To establish a city university, colleges, and schools to offer educational programs, including full-time and part-time programs for all age levels, degree and non-degree programs, continuing education, and community programs.
- b. To undertake auxiliary and subsidiary enterprises including to acquire, purchase, construct, reconstruct, develop and improve real property and other facilities including but not limited to for education, research, student and retirement housing, business development, agriculture, and community services.
- c. To advertise, market, sell, rent and offer for sale or rental to the public educational programs and auxiliary and subsidiary enterprise services and facilities.

- d. To apply for and receive grants, loans, donations and other support from federal, state, and private sources to carry out its purposes.
- e. To train and fund the training of leaders and personnel of the University.
- f. To collaborate with and offer programs jointly with other educational institutions whether public or private and with government, non-profit and other organizations and to make contributions and provide support to educational, non-profit, and governmental organizations for the purpose of developing the University, training leaders and personnel of the University, and contributing to the economic development of the City.
- g. To develop and offer programs and auxiliary and subsidiary enterprises in any location.

Section 4. Maharishi Vedic University shall be governed by the City Council of Maharishi Vedic City and operated by such administrative and academic leaders and personnel as shall be appointed by the City Council from time to time.

**5.02 ESTABLISH AND AUTHORIZE MAHARISHI VEDIC UNIVERSITY AS A SEPARATE NON-PROFIT CORPORATION.**

Section 1. Maharishi Vedic University is established and authorized by this ordinance to grant degrees including associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and such other degrees, certificates, diplomas, and academic credentials, including honorary degrees, as the Board of Trustees of the University may from time to time determine.

Section 2. Maharishi Vedic University is authorized to carry out such other purposes as are specified in its Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State of Iowa.

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **MAHARISHI UNIVERSITY OF ENLIGHTENMENT**

6.01 Establish and Authorize Maharishi University of Enlightenment

**6.01 ESTABLISH AND AUTHORIZE MAHARISHI UNIVERSITY OF ENLIGHTENMENT.**

Section 1. Maharishi University of Enlightenment is established and authorized by this ordinance to grant degrees including BA, MA, and Ph.D. degrees in Maharishi Vedic Science, Maharishi Science of Consciousness, as well as continuing education and non-degree courses.

## **CHAPTER 7**

### **MAHARISHI VEDIC CITY ORGANIC FARMS BOARD**

7.01 Establishment of the Board of Maharishi Vedic City Organic Farms

**7.01 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARD OF MAHARISHI VEDIC CITY ORGANIC FARMS.**

1. The Board shall consist of 8 members to be appointed by the City Council and serving for 2-year terms, being reappointed at the second City Council meeting in January of each even number year.
2. The Board's powers and duties as to the Farms shall be as described in and subject to the limitation described in Section 293 of the Iowa Code.

## **CHAPTER 8**

### **POLICE PROTECTION**

#### **8.01** Establishing Police Protection

**8.01 ESTABLISHING POLICE PROTECTION.** Police protection for the City shall be provided through an agreement between Jefferson County and Maharishi Vedic City.

## **CHAPTER 9**

### **FIRE PROTECTION**

#### **9.01**    Establishing Fire Protection

**9.01    ESTABLISHING FIRE PROTECTION.** Fire protection for the City shall be provided through an agreement between the City of Fairfield and Maharishi Vedic City.

## CHAPTER 10

### PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 10.01 Banning the Sale of Non-Organic Food
- 10.02 Establish Maharishi Vedic City as an Organic City
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**10.01 BANNING THE SALE OF NON-ORGANIC FOOD.** In order to protect the health and safety of residents, the sale of non-organic food is banned in the City. In addition to food labeled as certified organic under the USDA's National Organic Program (NOP), food may be sold that is not genetically modified (GMO) and has been grown without the use of chemical pesticides. The City shall establish an Organic Committee consisting of five members to be appointed by the City Council to assist sellers of food products in Maharishi Vedic City in compliance with the text of this ordinance by reviewing and identifying specific products that meet these standards. The Committee shall publish on the City's website a listing of approved foods and food products and update that listing on a regular basis.

**10.02 ESTABLISH MAHARISHI VEDIC CITY AS AN ORGANIC CITY.**

1. As a general commercial ordinance of the City, all land in Maharishi Vedic City whether used for residential, commercial or agricultural purposes, shall be maintained in accordance with the standards of the United States Department of Agriculture's National Organic Program and the Iowa Organic Program of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.
2. This commercial ordinance does not apply to land located east of Jasmine Avenue which is within the boundaries of the city as of the date of adoption of this amendment except that there shall be no aerial spraying, livestock operations, or animal confinements on such land, and this exclusion shall apply only as long as such land retains its usage solely for agricultural purposes.

**10.03 TO BAN THE DISCHARGING OF WEAPONS.** It is unlawful for a person to discharge rifles, shotguns, revolvers, pistols, guns, BB guns or other firearms of any kind within the City limits or into the City from outside the City limits for hunting or any other purpose, except for law enforcement personnel acting in the performance of their duties.

**10.04 TO BAN THE USE OF BOW AND ARROW IN THE CITY.** It is unlawful for a person to shoot any arrow within the City limits for hunting or any other purpose.

## **CHAPTER 11**

### **ANIMAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL**

#### **11.01 To Control Canine Annoyance and Disturbance**

**11.01 TO CONTROL CANINE ANNOYANCE AND DISTURBANCE.** It is unlawful for the owner of a dog to allow or permit such dog to cause serious annoyance or disturbance to any person or persons by frequent and habitual barking, howling, yelping, or otherwise.



## **CHAPTER 12**

### **SPEED REGULATIONS**

12.01 To Establish Speed Limits on 170<sup>th</sup> St., Invincible America Ave. and Maharishi Center Ave. in the City

**12.01 TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS ON 170TH ST., INVINCIBLE AMERICA AVE. AND MAHARISHI CENTER AVE. IN THE CITY.**

1. Speed limit of 45 mph on the paved portion of 170<sup>th</sup> St. within City jurisdiction.
2. Speed limit of 30 mph on Invincible America Ave. and Maharishi Center Ave.

## CHAPTER 13

### WATER SERVICE SYSTEM

- 13.01 Management
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- 13.03 Rate
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**13.01 MANAGEMENT.** The management and control of the City's Water Utility are the responsibility of the City Council.

**13.02 REGULATIONS.** The rules, regulations and rates adopted by the City Council for governing of the Water Utility shall be considered a part of the contract of the City with every person supplied with water through the Water Utility system. Every person receiving water shall be held thereby to express his or her assent to be bound by this contract. When any regulations are violated, the water supply to the premises of the person may, at the discretion of the City Council, be shut off from the building or place of that violation and shall not be restored except upon compliance with the regulations violated, and upon such terms as the City Council shall fix.

**13.03 RATE.** Each person supplied with water through the Water Utility system shall pay a user charge, which shall be \$14.50 per thousand gallons based on water meter readings.

In lieu of this charge, campus facilities served by the Water Utility system shall pay a monthly water user charge consisting of a base rate of \$1250 plus a water usage fee equal to the amount billed by Wapello Rural Water to the City Water Utility based on meter readings for the campus.

**13.04 PERIODIC REVIEW.** The user charge shall be periodically reviewed by the City Council and appropriate staff to determine the sufficiency of revenues to pay all City expenses with respect to the operation of the Water Utility and to maintain adequate debt service coverage under loan agreements for sewer facilities.

**13.05 WELLS.** No person shall drill or sink a well for the production of water within the corporate limits of the City unless approval is first secured from the City Council as well as appropriate State and County authorities.

**13.06 LIEN FOR NONPAYMENT.** The owner of the premises served and any lessee or tenant thereof shall be jointly and severally liable for water service charges to the premises. Water service charges remaining unpaid and delinquent shall constitute a lien upon the premises served and shall be certified to the County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

## CHAPTER 14

### SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

- 14.01 Purpose
- 14.02 Definitions
- 14.03 Prohibited Acts
- 14.04 Sewer Connection Required
- 14.05 Right of Entry
- 14.06 Use of Easements
- 14.07 Special Penalties

**14.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of the Sanitary Sewer Ordinance is to establish rules and regulations governing the treatment and disposal of sanitary sewage within the City in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

**14.02 DEFINITIONS.** For use in these chapters, unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the following terms are defined:

1. **“B.O.D.”** (denoting Biochemical Oxygen Demand) means the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five (5) days at twenty (20) degrees C., expressed in milligrams per liter or parts per million.
2. **“Building Drain”** means that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a building drainage system which receives the discharge from soil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer, beginning five (5) feet (1.5 meters) outside the inner face of the building wall.
3. **“Building Sewer”** means that part of the horizontal piping from the building wall to its connection with the main sewer or the primary treatment portion of an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system conveying the drainage of one building site.
4. **“City Engineer”** means that person designated by the City Council to serve this function or any authorized deputy, agent or representative.
5. **“Combined Sewer”** means a sewer receiving both surface run-off and sewage.
6. **“Customer”** means any person responsible for the production of domestic, commercial or industrial waste that is directly or indirectly discharged into the public sewer system.

7. **“Director”** means that person designated by the City Council to serve as Director of the Sewage Treatment Facility.
8. **“Garbage”** means solid wastes from the domestic and commercial preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage and sale of produce.
9. **“Industrial wastes”** means the liquid wastes from industrial manufacturing processes, trade, or business as distinct from sanitary sewage.
10. **“Manhole”** means a structure that is suitably built to permit access from the surface for inspection, control and maintenance of a sewer.
11. **“Milligrams per liter”** means a unit of the concentration of water or wastewater constituent. It is 0.001 g. of the constituent in 1,000 ml of water.
12. **“Natural outlet”** means any outlet into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake, or other body of surface or groundwater.
13. **“On-Site Wastewater treatment and disposal system”** means all equipment and devices necessary for proper conduction, collection, storage, treatment, and disposal of wastewater from four or fewer dwelling units or other facilities serving the equivalent of fifteen persons (1500 gpd) or less.
14. **“pH”** means the logarithm of the reciprocal of the weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution.
15. **“Pretreatment”** means any pretreatment of wastewater or sewage before introduction into a public sewer.
16. **“Public sewer”** means a sewer in which all owners of abutting properties have equal rights, and is controlled by public authority.
17. **“Sanitary sewage”** means sewage discharging from the sanitary conveniences of dwellings (including apartment houses and hotels), office buildings, factories or institutions, and free from storm, surface water, and industrial waste.
18. **“Sanitary sewer”** means a sewer that carries sewage and to which storm, surface, and groundwaters are not intentionally admitted.
19. **“Sewage”** means a combination of the water-carried wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions, and industrial establishments, together with such ground, surface, and storm waters as may be present.

20. **“Sewage treatment plant”** means any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewage.
21. **“Sewage works”** or **“sewage system”** means all facilities for collecting, pumping, treating, and disposing of sewage.
22. **“Sewer”** means a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage.
23. **“Sewer service charges”** means any and all charges, rates or fees levied against and payable by customers, as consideration for the servicing of said customers by said sewer system.
24. **“Slug”** means any discharge of water, sewage, or industrial waste which in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow exceeds for any period of duration more than five (5) times the average twenty-four (24) hour concentration that flows during normal operation.
25. **“ Storm drain”** or **“storm sewer”** means a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage but excludes sewage and industrial wastes, other than unpolluted cooling water.
26. **“Suspended solids”** means solids that either float on the surface of, or are in suspension in water, sewage, or other liquids, and which are removable by laboratory filtering.
27. **“TKN (Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen)”** means the concentration of ammonia and organic nitrogen expressed in milligrams per liter.
28. **“Unpolluted water”** means water of quality equal or better than the applicable standards in effect under the State or Federal Act or water that would not cause violation of receiving water quality standards under the applicable act and would not be benefited by discharge to the sanitary sewers and wastewater treatment facilities provided.
29. **“Watercourse”** means a channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently.

**14.03 PROHIBITED ACTS.** No person shall do, or allow, any of the following:

1. **Damage Sewer System.** Maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface or tamper with any structure, appurtenance or equipment which is part of the sewer system. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 716.1)
2. **Surface Run-off or Groundwater.** Connect a roof downspout, sump pump, exterior foundation drain, areaway drain, or other source of surface run-off or

groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

3. **Manholes.** Open or enter any manhole of the sewer system, except by authority of the Director.
4. **Objectionable Wastes.** Place or deposit in any unsanitary manner on public or private property within the City, or in any area under the jurisdiction of the City, any human or animal excrement, garbage, or other objectionable waste.
5. **Septic Tanks.** Construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool, or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage except as provided in these chapters. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3f])
6. **Untreated Discharge.** Discharge to any natural outlet within the City, or in any area under its jurisdiction, any sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of these chapters. (Code of Iowa, Sec 364.12[3f])
7. **Combined Sewers.** The construction of and use of combined sewers are prohibited.

**14.04 SEWER CONNECTION REQUIRED.** The owners of any houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purposes, situated within the City and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now located, or may in the future be located, a public sanitary sewer, are hereby required to install, at such owner's expense a building sewer connecting such facilities directly with the proper public sewer, and to maintain the same all in accordance with the provisions of these Sanitary Sewer chapters, such compliance to be completed within ninety (90) days after date of official notice from the City to do so provided that said public sewer is located within two hundred fifty (250) feet of the property line of such owner and is of such design as to receive and convey by gravity such sewage as may be conveyed to it. Billing for sanitary sewer service will begin the date of official notice to connect to the public sewer. (Code of Iowa, Sec 364.12[3f])

**14.05 RIGHT OF ENTRY.** The duly authorized employees of the City bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing in accordance with the provisions of these Sanitary Sewer chapters. The representatives shall have no authority to inquire into any processes including metallurgical, chemical, oil, refining, ceramic, paper, or other industries beyond that point having a direct bearing on the kind and source of discharge to the sewers or waterways or facilities for waste treatment.

**14.06 USE OF EASEMENTS.** The duly authorized employees of the City bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all private properties through which the City holds a duly negotiated easement for the purposes of, but not limited to, inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, repair, and maintenance of any portion of the sewage works lying within said easement. All entry and subsequent work, if any, on said easement, shall be done in full accordance with the terms of the duly negotiated easement pertaining to the private property involved.

**14.07 SPECIAL PENALTIES.** The following special penalty provisions shall apply to violations of these Sanitary Sewer chapters:

1. **Notice of Violation.** Any person found to be violating any provision of these chapters shall be served by the City with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. Such person shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations.
2. **Continuing Violation.** Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided for in subsection 1 hereof shall be in violation of this Code of Ordinances. Each day in which any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.
3. **Liability Imposed.** Any person violating any of the provisions of these chapters shall become liable to the City for any expense, loss, or damage occasioned by the City by reason of such violation.



## CHAPTER 15

### BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS

- 15.01 Permit
- 15.02 Permit Fee
- 15.03 Connection Charge
- 15.04 Connection Requirements
- 15.05 Property Owner's Responsibility
- 15.06 Abatement of Violations
- 15.07 Public Sewer Extensions

**15.01 PERMIT.** No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connection with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the City. The application for the permit shall set forth the location and description of the property to be connected with the sewer system and the purpose for which the sewer is to be used, and shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent.

**15.02 PERMIT FEE.** The person who makes the application shall pay a fee established by the City Engineer not to exceed forty dollars (\$40) to cover the cost of issuing the permit and any evaluation and/or testing of the work.

**15.03 CONNECTION CHARGE.** If the property described in the permit application has not been previously assessed for the cost of construction of the sewer to which connection is made, a connection charge may be collected before the permit is issued. The connection charge shall be as determined by the City Engineer, taking into consideration the costs of providing service, the benefits to the user and any special circumstances existing which reasonably affect the determination of an equitable charge to the user.

**15.04 CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS.** The installation of the building sewer and its connection to the public sewer shall conform to the laws of the State of Iowa and other applicable rules and regulations of the City then in effect.

**15.05 PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY.** All costs and expenses incident to the installation, connection and maintenance of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the City from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.

**15.06 ABATEMENT OF VIOLATIONS.** Building sewers, whether located upon the private property of any owner or in the public right-of-way, which are constructed

or maintained in violation of any of the requirements of this chapter shall be deemed a nuisance and the same shall be abated by the City, with the cost of abatement charged to the owner.

**15.07 PUBLIC SEWER EXTENSIONS.** Plans for construction of sewers that are to be connected to and become a part of the public sewer system shall be submitted to and approved by the City Engineer and the Council prior to the commencement of work and a Construction Permit will be issued. For uses where a permit is required by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources or Jefferson County the owner will also obtain such permit.

## CHAPTER 16

### USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS

- 16.01 Storm Water
- 16.02 Prohibited Discharges
- 16.03 Restricted Discharges
- 16.04 Restricted Discharges—Powers

**16.01 STORM WATER.** No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, groundwater, roof run-off, subsurface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer. Storm water and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically designated a storm sewers, or to a natural outlet approved by the City Engineer. Industrial cooling water or unpolluted process waters may be discharged on approval of the City Engineer, to a storm sewer or natural outlet.

**16.02 PROHIBITED DISCHARGES.** No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to any public sewers:

1. **Flammable or Explosive Material.** Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid, or gas.
2. **Toxic or Poisonous Materials.** Any waters or wastes containing toxic poisonous solids, liquids or gases in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other wastes, to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, create a public nuisance, or create any hazard in the receiving waters of the sewage treatment plant.
3. **Corrosive Wastes.** Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 5.5 or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel of the sewage works.
4. **Solid or Viscous Substances.** Solid or viscous substances in quantities or of such size capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers, or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works.

**16.03 RESTRICTED DISCHARGES.** No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged the following described substances, materials, waters, or wastes without a treatment agreement permit the terms of which shall be submitted to and established by resolution of the Council.

1. **High Temperature.** Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than one hundred twenty (120) degrees F (48 degrees C).
2. **Oils.** Any water or waste containing fats, oils, grease, or wax in excess of one hundred (100) milligrams per liter.
3. **Viscous Substances.** Water or wastes containing substances that may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between thirty-two (32) and one hundred fifty (150) degrees F (0 and 65 degrees C).
4. **Garbage.** Any garbage that has not been properly shredded, that is, to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than one-half (1/2) inch in any dimension.
5. **Acids.** Any waters or wastes containing strong acid iron pickling wastes, or concentrated plating solution whether neutralized or not.
6. **Toxic or Objectionable Wastes.** An waters or wastes containing iron, chromium, copper, zinc, and similar objectionable or toxic substances; or wastes exerting an excessive chlorine requirement, to such degree that any such material received in the composite sewage at the sewage treatment works exceeds the limits established for such materials.
7. **Odor and Taste.** Any waters or wastes containing phenols or other taste or odor producing substances, in such concentrations exceeding limits which may be established to meet the requirements of State, Federal, or other public agencies of jurisdiction for such discharge to the receiving waters.
8. **Excess Alkalinity.** Any waters or wastes having a pH in excess of 9.5.
9. **Unusual Wastes.** Materials which exert or cause:
  - A. Unusual concentrations of inert suspended solids
  - B. Excessive discoloration
  - C. Unusual B.O.D., chemical oxygen demand, or chlorine requirement sin such quantities as to constitute a significant loan on the sewage treatment works.
  - D. Unusual volume of flow or concentration of wastes constituting “slugs” as defined herein.
10. **Noxious or Malodorous Gases.** Any noxious or malodorous gas or other substance which either single or by interaction with other wastes is capable of creating a public nuisance or hazard to life or of preventing entry into sewers for their maintenance and repair.

11. **Damaging Substances.** Any waters, wastes, materials or substances which react with water or wastes in the sewer system to release noxious gases, develop color of undesirable intensity, form suspended solids in objectionable concentration or create any other condition deleterious to structures and treatment processes.
12. **Untreatable Wastes.** Waters or wastes containing substances which are not amenable to treatment or reduction by the sewage treatment processes employed, or are amendable to treatment only to such degree that the sewage treatment plant effluent cannot meet the requirements of other agencies having jurisdiction over discharge to the receiving waters.
13. **Other.** Any water or wastes excluding sanitary wastes having:
  - A. Average daily flow greater than 25,000 gallons/day (excluding sanitary wastes)
  - B. Five-day B.O.D. greater than 42 pounds/day or
  - C. Suspended solids greater than 52 pounds/day or
  - D. Total Kjeldahl nitrogen greater than six pounds/day.

**16.04 RESTRICTED DISCHARGES—POWERS.** If any waters or wastes are discharged, or are proposed to be discharged to the public sewers, which waters contain the substances or possess the characteristics enumerated in Section 3.3 and which may have a deleterious effect upon the sewage works, processes, equipment, or receiving waters, or which otherwise create a hazard to life or constitute a public nuisance, the Director may:

1. **Pretreatment.** Require pretreatment to an acceptable condition for discharge to the public sewers;
2. **Controls Imposed.** Require control over the quantities and rates of discharge;
3. **Alternative Disposal.** For certain wastes such as appropriate food wastes, require alternative approaches to disposal including collection for composting.
4. **Special Charges.** Require payment to cover the added cost of handling and treating the wastes not covered by existing sewer charges.
5. **Disconnection from System.** Reject the wastes by requiring disconnection from the public sewage system.

## CHAPTER 17

### ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

- 17.01 When Prohibited
- 17.02 When Required
- 17.03 Compliance with Regulations
- 17.04 Permit Required
- 17.05 Discharge Restrictions
- 17.06 Maintenance of System
- 17.07 Systems Abandoned
- 17.08 Disposal of Septage

- 17.01 WHEN PROHIBITED.** Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it is unlawful to construct or maintain any on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage. (Code of Iowa, Sec 364.12[3f])
- 17.02 WHEN REQUIRED.** When a public sanitary sewer is not available, every building wherein person reside, congregate or are employed shall be provided with an approved on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system complying with the provisions of this chapter. (IAC 567-69.1[3])
- 17.03 COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS.** The type, capacity, location and layout of a private on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system shall comply with the specifications and requirements set forth by the Iowa Administrative Code 567, Chapter 69, and with such additional requirements as are prescribed by the regulations of the County Board of Health. (IAC 567-69.1[3 & 4])
- 17.04 PERMIT REQUIRED.** No person shall install or alter an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system without first obtaining a permit from the County Board of Health.
- 17.05 DISCHARGE RESTRICTIONS.** It is unlawful to discharge any wastewater from an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system (except under an NPDES permit) to any ditch, stream, pond, lake, natural or artificial waterway, drain tile or to the surface of the ground. (IAC 567-69.1[3])
- 17.06 MAINTENANCE OF SYSTEM.** The owner or an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system shall operate and maintain the system in a sanitary manner at all times and at no expense to the City.
- 17.07 SYSTEMS ABANDONED.** At such time as a public sewer becomes available to a property served by an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system, a direct

connection may be made to the public sewer in accordance with these Sanitary Sewer chapters. At the time of such connection the on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system shall be abandoned and filled with suitable material. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3f])

**17.08 DISPOSAL OF SEPTAGE.** No person shall dispose of septage from an on-site treatment system at any location except an approved disposal site.

## CHAPTER 18

### SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

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| 18.01 Sewer Service Charges Required | 18.04 Lien for Nonpayment     |
| 18.02 Rate                           | 18.05 Outside Watering Credit |
| 18.03 Payment of Bills               |                               |

**18.01 SEWER SERVICE CHARGES REQUIRED.** Every customer shall pay to the City sewer service fees as hereinafter provided. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

**18.02 RATE.** Each customer served by the Sewer Utility shall pay a user charge of \$14.50 per thousand gallons of water used as determined by water meter readings, with a minimum monthly charge of \$14.50.

In lieu of this charge the two campuses shall pay whichever is higher of:

- A. Combined fixed monthly fee of \$30,000 comprised of:
  - 1. The campus at 1770 Brahmananda Saraswati Blvd. shall pay the base rate of \$1713.40 factored by the percentage of occupied buildings on the campus during the billing month, plus \$14.50/1000 gallons of water used;
  - 2. The campus at 1675 Invincible America Ave. shall pay the remainder.
- B. Combined monthly fees comprised of:
  - 1. The campus at 1770 Brahmananda Saraswati Blvd. shall pay the base rate of \$1713.40 factored by the percentage of occupied buildings on the campus during the billing month, plus \$14.50/1000 gallons of water used;
  - 2. The campus at 1675 Invincible America Ave. shall pay \$14.50/1000 gallons of water used.

The user charge shall be periodically reviewed by the City Council and appropriate staff to determine the sufficiency of the revenues to pay all City expenses with respect to the operation of the sewer system and to maintain adequate debt service coverage under loan agreements for sewer facilities.

**18.03 PAYMENT OF BILLS.** All sewer service charges are due and payable monthly.

**18.04 LIEN FOR NONPAYMENT.** The owner of the premises served and any lessee or tenant thereof shall be jointly and severally liable for sewer service charges to the premises. Sewer service charges remaining unpaid and delinquent shall constitute a lien upon the premises served and shall be certified by the Clerk to the County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84).



**18.05 OUTSIDE WATERING CREDIT.** Every customer served by the sewer, excluding those with fixed combined monthly fees, has the option to request a sewer service credit for outside watering. Customers shall submit an application to the City Clerk's office. On approval of the application the credit would apply to the months of July, August and September of each year. Credit would be based on 70% of the difference between those month's water meter readings minus average one-month non-summer water meter readings, at the rate of \$14.50 per thousand gallons of water.

## **CHAPTER 19**

### **SOLID WASTE CONTROL**

#### **19.01 Establish Unit Based Pricing for Garbage Collection**

##### **19.01 ESTABLISH UNIT BASED PRICING FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION.**

Each household unit will be allowed two 33-gallon containers of garbage per week for basic collection. The cost of collection of solid waste shall be negotiated between the individual and the hauler, based on volume of waste placed for disposal. Additional containers placed for collection shall be collected by the hauler at a rate to be negotiated between the individual and the hauler. All solid waste haulers must provide evidence of unit based pricing to do business within the city limits of Maharishi Vedic City.

Commercial properties are exempt from the provisions of this ordinance.

## **CHAPTER 20**

### **MAHARISHI VEDIC CITY ORGANIC FARMS**

20.01 To Establish Maharishi Vedic City Organic Farms as a Municipal Department of the City

#### **20.01 TO ESTABLISH MAHARISHI VEDIC CITY ORGANIC FARMS AS A MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY**

Section 1. The city council of Vedic City hereby determines that there is no procedure in state law which governs the establishment of an organic farm as a city enterprise, and the Council determines further that it will follow the procedures set out in Chapter 392 of the Code of Iowa in order to create and establish the Maharishi Vedic City Organic Farms as a home rule city enterprise.

Section 2. Maharishi Vedic City Organic Farms is established as a municipal department and enterprise of Vedic City, Iowa, USA (the “City”) to carry out general corporate purposes of the City as generally described in Section 384.24(4)(f) and (i) of the Code of Iowa. This department is created for the necessary purposes of (i) enhancing the health and welfare of citizens; (ii) supporting economic development; (iii) serving as a model for others including cities and governmental entities, non-profit and for-profit organizations, and individuals; and (iv) supporting programs to create world peace which is a necessity for the well-being of the citizens of the City.

Section 3. Notwithstanding that this activity appears to be exempt from the provisions of Section 23A.2 of the Code of Iowa under Subsection 10(b) thereof, because it carries out general corporate purposes of the City as defined in Section 384.24(4) of the Code of Iowa, pursuant to the provisions of Section 23A.2 of the Code of Iowa, Maharishi Vedic City Organic Farms is hereby authorized but not limited to do the following:

- A. Acquire, purchase, construct, reconstruct, and improve greenhouses and related land and facilities for production of organic produce.
- B. Construct, reconstruct, and improve greenhouses and related facilities for production of organic produce, grow, process, package, advertise, market, ship, distribute, sell and offer for sale to the public and bill for organically grown vegetables, fruits, legumes, grains, and ornamental plants, and related products in such manner as the department head and/or governing body of the department, appointed by the City Council, deems appropriate.
- C. Research and apply organic and Vedic organic principles and practices.
- D. Collaborate with educational, governmental, non-profit and other organizations in expanding organic and Vedic organic agricultural operations in any location.

## **CHAPTER 21**

### **DESIGN ACCORDING TO NATURAL LAW**

21.01 To Adopt Design According to Natural Law

**21.01 TO ADOPT DESIGN ACCORDING TO NATURAL LAW.** All improvements in the City shall be designed and constructed according to the principle of Maharishi Sthapatya Veda® design—architecture according to Natural Law.

## **CHAPTER 22**

### **SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS**

- 22.01 Authority
- 22.02 Application
- 22.03 Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction
- 22.04 Definitions

**22.01 AUTHORITY.** This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Chapter 354 of the Code of Iowa.

**22.02 APPLICATION.** This ordinance applies to the subdivision of a lot, tract or parcel of land into three or more lots for the purpose of sale, transfer, or building development, whether immediate or future, including the re-subdivision or re-platting of lots or land.

**22.03 EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.** The City hereby establishes its authority in accordance with the provisions of Section 354.9 of the Code of Iowa to review and approve subdivisions located within two (2) miles of its corporate boundaries.

**22.04 DEFINITIONS.** The definitions contained in Section 354.2 of the Code of Iowa are incorporated by reference.

## CHAPTER 23

### SUBDIVISION REQUIREMENTS

- 23.01 Approval by City Council
- 23.02 Subdivision Plat
- 23.03 Design Requirements
- 23.04 Utilities and Infrastructure
- 23.04(a) Sanitary Sewer
- 23.04(b) Street Construction and Maintenance
- 23.04(c) Underground Utilities
- 23.05 Common Areas and Landscaping

**23.01 APPROVAL BY CITY COUNCIL.** A proposed subdivision plat lying within the jurisdiction of the City shall be submitted to the City Council for review and approval, or waiver of review, prior to recording.

**23.02 SUBDIVISION PLAT.** A subdivision plat shall be prepared by a registered land surveyor and meet the requirements of Section 354.6, 354.11, and 355 of the Code of Iowa, incorporated by reference.

**23.03 DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.** The design of a subdivision within the City shall be in accordance with Maharishi Sthapatya Veda® design—architecture in accord with Natural Law—and prepared an architect, design professional or organization sublicensed to provide services in this design system. This requirement shall also apply to any subdivision within the extra-territorial review area of the City that has as part of its plan the construction of any improvement(s) according to Maharishi Sthapatya Veda design.

**23.04 UTILITIES AND INTRASTRUCTURE.** It is the responsibility of the owner of the land to be subdivided (the “subdivider”) to provide utilities and infrastructure for the subdivision including sanitary sewer, water, streets, fire safety, and storm-water management systems, and to assure that other public utilities including electric, natural gas or propane, and electronic communications are available to subdivided lots.

**23.04(a) SANITARY SEWER.** The subdivider shall install sanitary facilities including sanitary sewer connection to the City’s sanitary sewer system unless an alternative sanitary system is approved by applicable health authorities and by the City Council.

**23.04(b) STREET CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.** It is the responsibility of the subdivider to provide streets to serve the subdivision and that those streets meet safety requirements including fire and emergency vehicle access. Unless

otherwise agreed by the City Council, all streets within a subdivision shall remain private streets of the subdivision and not public streets of the City and the subdivision and not the City shall have the responsibility for maintenance of all streets.

**23.04(c) UNDERGROUND UTILITIES.** All utility wires shall be installed underground unless otherwise approved by the City Council.

**23.04(d) OFF-SITE IMPROVEMENTS.** In the event that a subdivision is determined to require new or enhanced public improvements outside the property being subdivided, it shall be the responsibility of the subdivider to provide such improvements in a form that is acceptable to the City Council.

**23.05 COMMON AREAS AND LANDSCAPING.** The plan for subdivisions shall provide for open space for enjoyment of all residents and shall include a plan for landscaping and landscape buffers particularly along major thoroughfares.



## CHAPTER 24

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUBDIVIDER AND CITY

- 24.01 Approval by City Council
- 24.02 Subdivision Plat

**24.01 RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITY.** The City seeks to protect and preserve the peace, welfare, comfort, convenience, and property of its residents and provide for orderly growth by reviewing planned subdivisions. In conducting its review the City relies on the expertise of the engineers, surveyors and other design professionals of the subdivision to design the subdivision according to applicable codes and professional design standards to protect the health, safety and property values of its residents. The City does not conduct an independent engineering review of the plans or inspect subdivision construction. The City's approval of a proposed plat of survey does not assure that the subdivision will be completed according to the plans.

**24.02 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUBDIVIDER.** It is the sole responsibility of the subdivider to assure that the subdivision is properly designed and engineered and that the subdivision including all lots, utilities, streets, storm water management systems, common areas, landscaping, and other features and amenities are completed according to the plat of survey and other plans presented to the City.

## **CHAPTER 25**

### **STREET NAMES**

#### **25.01 Re-name Streets in the City**

1. Iris Avenue, between 170<sup>th</sup> St. and 175<sup>th</sup> St., re-name “Invincible America Avenue”
2. Juniper Avenue, between 170<sup>th</sup> St. and 180<sup>th</sup> St., re-name “Maharishi Center Avenue”
3. Grand Avenue between Jasmine Ave. and Mansion Drive, re-name “Grand Drive”

Chapters 26-30 Reserved

## CHAPTER 31

### 2013 URBAN RENEWAL AREA

#### **Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the 2013 Maharishi Vedic City Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa**

- 31.01 Purpose
- 31.02 Definitions
- 31.03 Provisions for Division of Taxes  
Levied on Taxable Property in the Urban Renewal Area
- 31.04 Repealer
- 31.05 Saving Clause
- 31.06 Effective Date

**31.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the division of taxes levied on the taxable property in the 2013 Maharishi Vedic City Urban Renewal Area, each year by and for the benefit of the state, city, county, school districts or other taxing districts after the effective date of this ordinance in order to create a special fund to pay the principal of and interest on loans, moneys advanced to or indebtedness, including bonds proposed to be issued by the City of Maharishi Vedic City to finance projects in such area.

**31.02 DEFINITIONS.** For use within this ordinance the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. “City” shall mean the City of Maharishi Vedic City, Iowa.
2. “County” shall mean Jefferson County, Iowa.
3. “Urban Renewal Area” shall mean the 2013 Maharishi Vedic City Urban Renewal Area, the boundaries of which are set out below, such area having been identified in the Urban Renewal Plan approved by the City Council by resolution adopted on December 27, 2013:

Certain real property situated in the City of Maharishi Vedic City, Jefferson County, Iowa, more particularly described as follows:

- A. Maharishi Center for Perfect Health and World Peace Subdivision, a subdivision lying in Sections 9, 10, 15 & 16, Township 72 North, Range 10 West of the 5th Prime Meridian in Maharishi Vedic City, Jefferson County, Iowa. This includes Lots 1, 2, 3 except Auditor’s Parcels A and B, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the Maharishi Center for

Perfect Health and World Peace Subdivision (947.43 acres more or less).

- B. The Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 15, Township 72 North, Range 10 West of the 5th P.M., Maharishi Vedic City, Jefferson County, Iowa. (40 acres more or less).
- C. The Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 72 North, Range 10 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Maharishi Vedic City, Jefferson County, Iowa. (159.8 acres more or less).

**35.03 PROVISIONS FOR DIVISION OF TAXES LEVIED ON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE URBAN RENEWAL AREA.** After the effective date of this ordinance, the taxes levied on the taxable property in the Urban Renewal Area each year by and for the benefit of the State of Iowa, the City, the County and any school district or other taxing district in which the Urban Renewal Area is located, shall be divided as follows:

1. that portion of the taxes which would be produced by the rate at which the tax is levied each year by or for each of the taxing districts upon the total sum of the assessed value of the taxable property in the Urban Renewal Area, as shown on the assessment roll as of January 1 of the calendar year preceding the first calendar year in which the City certifies to the County Auditor the amount of loans, advances, indebtedness, or bonds payable from the special fund referred to in paragraph (b) below, shall be allocated to and when collected be paid into the fund for the respective taxing district as taxes by or for said taxing district into which all other property taxes are paid. For the purpose of allocating taxes levied by or for any taxing district which did not include the territory in the Urban Renewal Area on the effective date of this ordinance, but to which the territory has been annexed or otherwise included after the effective date, the assessment roll applicable to property in the annexed territory as of January 1 of the calendar year preceding the effective date of the ordinance which amends the plan for the Urban Renewal Area to include the annexed area, shall be used in determining the assessed valuation of the taxable property in the annexed area.
2. that portion of the taxes each year in excess of such amounts shall be allocated to and when collected be paid into a special fund of the City to pay the principal of and interest on loans, moneys advanced to or indebtedness, whether funded, refunded, assumed or otherwise, including bonds issued under the authority of Section 403.9(1), of the Code of Iowa, incurred by the City to finance or refinance, in whole or in part, projects in the Urban Renewal Area, and to provide assistance for low and moderate-income family housing as provided in Section 403.22, except that taxes for the regular and voter-approved physical plant and equipment levy of a school district imposed pursuant to Section 298.2 of the Code of Iowa, taxes for the instructional support program of a school district imposed pursuant to Section 257.19 of the

Code of Iowa, and taxes for the payment of bonds and interest of each taxing district shall be collected against all taxable property within the taxing district without limitation by the provisions of this ordinance. Unless and until the total assessed valuation of the taxable property in the Urban Renewal Area exceeds the total assessed value of the taxable property in such area as shown by the assessment roll referred to in subsection (1) of this section, all of the taxes levied and collected upon the taxable property in the Urban Renewal Area shall be paid into the funds for the respective taxing districts as taxes by or for said taxing districts in the same manner as all other property taxes. When such loans, advances, indebtedness, and bonds, if any, and interest thereon, have been paid, all money thereafter received from taxes upon the taxable property in the Urban Renewal Area shall be paid into the funds for the respective taxing districts in the same manner as taxes on all other property.

3. the portion of taxes mentioned in subsection (2) of this section and the special fund into which that portion shall be paid may be irrevocably pledged by the City for the payment of the principal and interest on loans, advances, bonds issued under the authority of Section 403.9(1) of the Code of Iowa, or indebtedness incurred by the City to finance or refinance in whole or in part projects in the Urban Renewal Area.
4. as used in this section, the word “taxes” includes, but is not limited to, all levies on an ad valorem basis upon land or real property.

**31.04 REPEALER.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**31.05 SAVING CLAUSE.** If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**31.06 EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be effective after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.